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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant acknowledges receipt of an Office Action dated 9/1/00. Also filed simultaneously herewith is a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Two Month's Time within which to file this Amendment and Response. Applicant responds to the Examiner's concerns as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 14 - 43.

Please amend Claim 9 by deleting in line 5 the words "various forms of".

Please add new claims 44-54 as follows:

44. (New) A pharmacological agent comprising a therapeutically effective amount of plant matter from a plant of the genus *Uncaria*, the plant matter and the therapeutic amount of the plant matter selected for efficacy in treating an amyloid disease in a patient.

45. (New) The pharmacological agent of claim 44 wherein the plant of the genus *Uncaria* is a plant of the genus *Uncaria*, species *tomentosa*.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8A)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231.

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